

Appl. No.: 10/767,552
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 Supplemental Reply to Office Action of 12/01/2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants submit a Supplemental Amendment in light of the Office Action dated December 1, 2004 and responsive Amendment previously filed February 14, 2005. Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application. Independent Claim 1 has been further amended to recite that a measurement device is configured to detect the relative position between the first and second template members, while independent Claim 10 has been further amended to recite that the measurement device is configured to detect a gap between the first the second template members. It is noted that the recitations amended by this Supplemental Amendment were previously added by the Amendment filed February 14, 2005 and are treated as though they have been entered for purposes of this Supplemental Amendment. In light of the present amendments to independent Claims 1 and 10, as well as the amendments and remarks submitted in the first Amendment, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

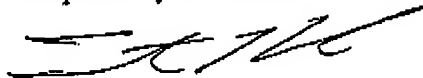
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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

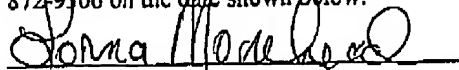


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